

**A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SERVICE SESSION MANAGEMENT IN AN IP
CENTRIC DISTRIBUTED NETWORK**

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ABSTRACT

A method and system to for a communications network architecture for an Internet Protocol centric wireless network for a first user to communicate to a destination, the architecture comprising: a distributed session service manager, a local service function layer, and a network service function layer within the wireless network. The network service function layer can include: a policy management server; an authorization server; a service accounting server; an authentication, authorization and accounting server; an unified directory within a directory server; a security gateway; and a mobility manager. The local service function layer can include: an access accounting server; an authentication, authorization and accounting server; a security gateway; a policy enforcement server; a mobility manager; a network management server; and a wireless gateway.

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